

Tabaru language

Tabaru is a North Halmahera language of Indonesia.

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Phonology

Vowels

Tabaru has a simple five vowel system: a, e, i, o, u.^[3]

Consonants

		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Nasal</u>		<u>m</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>ɲ</u>	<u>ŋ</u>	
<u>Plosive</u>	<u>voiceless</u>	<u>p</u>	<u>t</u>	<u>c</u>	<u>k</u>	
	<u>voiced</u>	<u>b</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>ɟ</u>	<u>g</u>	
<u>Fricative</u>		<u>f</u>	<u>s</u>			<u>h</u>
<u>Semivowel</u>				<u>j</u>	<u>w</u>	
<u>Lateral</u>			<u>l</u>			
<u>Trill</u>			<u>r</u>			

Syllable structure and stress

On the surface level, Tabaru only allows syllables of the type (C)V. Words with an underlying final consonant add an echo vowel: *ngówaka* (/ngowak/) 'child', *ókere* (/oker/) 'drink', *sárimi* (/sarim/) 'paddle', *ódomo* (/odom/) 'eat', *páľusu* (/palus/) 'answer'. The echo vowel is dropped when a suffix is added: *woísene* (/woisen/) 'hear', but *woisenoka* (/woisen/ + /oka/) 'heard'. Stress regularly falls on the penultimate syllable, but shifts to the antepenultimate when the word takes an echo vowel.

References

Tabaru	
Native to	Indonesia
Region	Halmahera
Native speakers	(15,000 cited 1991) ^[1]
Language family	<div>West Papuan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Halmahera<ul style="list-style-type: none">Galela–Tobelo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tabaru</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	tby
Glottolog	taba1263 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/ta1263) ^[2]

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